

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-14 and in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:
a display device; and
a touch panel disposed in front of said display device; ~~and, said information processing apparatus further comprising:~~
a controller to control the information processing apparatus according to a process comprising:
~~a mode-switching unit for switching between a touch panel mode of operation and a pointing device mode of operation in accordance with a predetermined condition;~~
~~a touch panel processing unit for performing processing in response to a touch position pointed to by a user on said touch panel in said touch panel mode of operation;~~
~~a pointing processing unit for displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on said display device in said pointing device mode of operation, and for moving said symbol at a predetermined reduction scale factor on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel;~~ and
~~a display magnifying processing unit for displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.~~
2. (currently amended) ~~An~~The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said predetermined reduction scale factor can be changed by said user.
3. (currently amended) ~~An~~The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein when said touch position moves to reach a boundary of said predetermined region, said ~~display device magnifying processing unit moves~~process further comprises moving the boundary of said predetermined region as said touch position moves, so as to maintain the

current mode.

4. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said ~~mode-switching processing unit establishes process~~ further comprises establishing said pointing device mode of operation when said touch position lies inside said predetermined region, and said ~~mode-switching processing unit establishes~~ establishing said touch panel mode of operation when said touch position lies outside said predetermined region.

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein, when said touch position in said predetermined region exhibits a locus substantially representative of a full circle in a predetermined direction, said ~~display magnifying processing unit changes process~~ further comprises changing a scale factor of the magnification at which said image in the neighborhood of said symbol is magnified.

6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein, when clickable objects, the number of which is larger than a predetermined number, lie within a predetermined range in the neighborhood of the current touch position, said ~~display magnifying processing unit operates process~~ further comprises operating in said touch panel mode of operation.

7. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:
a display device; and
a touch panel disposed in front of said display device; and, said information processing apparatus further comprising:

a controller to control the information processing apparatus according to a process comprising:

~~a mode-switching unit for switching between a touch panel mode of operation and a pointing device mode of operation in accordance with a predetermined condition;~~

~~a touch panel processing unit for displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on said display device in said touch panel mode of operation, so that the position of said symbol is aligned with a touch position pointed to by a user on said touch panel;~~

~~a pointing processing unit for moving, in said pointing device mode of operation, the position of said symbol indicative of said pointing position on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said~~

touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel; and

~~a display magnifying processing unit for displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.~~

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein said predetermined reduction scale factor can be changed by said user.

9. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein when said touch position moves to reach a boundary of said predetermined region, said ~~display device magnifying processing unit moves~~ process further comprises moving the boundary of said predetermined region as said touch position moves, so as to maintain the current mode.

10. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein ~~said mode switching processing unit establishes~~ said process further comprises establishing said pointing device mode of operation when said touch position lies inside said predetermined region, and ~~said mode switching processing unit establishes~~ establishing said touch panel mode of operation when said touch position lies outside said predetermined region.

11. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein, when said touch position in said predetermined region exhibits a locus substantially representative of a full circle in a predetermined direction, said ~~display magnifying processing unit changes~~ process further comprises changing a scale factor of the magnification at which said image in the neighborhood of said symbol is magnified.

12. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 7, wherein, when clickable objects, the number of which is larger than a predetermined number, lie within a predetermined range in the neighborhood of the current touch position, said ~~display magnifying processing unit operates~~ process further comprises operating in said touch panel mode of operation.

13. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program product ~~stored on a storage medium for~~ an information processing apparatus comprising a display

device and a touch panel disposed in front of said display device, said program ~~product being operable to effect the steps of~~causing said information processing apparatus to execute:

switching between a touch panel mode of operation and a pointing device mode of operation in accordance with a predetermined condition;

performing processing in response to a touch position pointed to by a user on said touch panel in said touch panel mode of operation;

displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on said display device in said pointing device mode of operation, and moving said symbol at a predetermined reduction scale factor on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel; and

displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.

14. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program ~~product stored on a storage medium for~~ an information processing apparatus comprising a display device and a touch panel disposed in front of said display device, said program ~~product being operable to effect the steps of~~causing said information processing apparatus to execute:

~~a mode switching processing unit for~~ switching between a touch panel mode of operation and a pointing device mode of operation in accordance with a predetermined condition;

displaying a symbol indicative of a pointing position on said display device in said touch panel mode of operation so that the position of said symbol is aligned with a touch position pointed to by a user on said touch panel;

moving, in said pointing device mode of operation, the position of said symbol indicating said pointing position on said display device in accordance with the distance, direction and velocity of the relative movement of said touch position pointed to by said user on said touch panel; and

displaying an image in the neighborhood of said symbol in a magnified form in a predetermined region on said touch panel in said pointing device mode of operation.